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**PETITION TO ACCEPT UNINTENTIONALLY DELAYED PAYMENT OF
MAINTENANCE FEE IN AN EXPIRED PATENT (37 CFR 1.378 (c))**

Docket Number (Optional)
Stauch-270

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Patent No. 6883270

Application Number 10654312

Issue Date April 26, 2005

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Karen Dana Oster

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1. SMALL ENTITY

☒ Patentee claims, or has previously claimed, small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.

2. LOSS OF ENTITLEMENT TO SMALL ENTITY STATUS

☐ Patentee is no longer entitled to small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27(g)

3. MAINTENANCE FEE (37 CFR 1.20(e)-(g))

The appropriate maintenance fee must be submitted with this petition, unless it was paid earlier.

NOT Small Entity			Small Entity		
Amount	Fee	(Code)	Amount	Fee	(Code)
<input type="checkbox"/> \$ _____	3 ½ yr fee	(1551)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> \$ 490	3 ½ yr fee	(2551)
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MAINTENANCE FEE BEING SUBMITTED \$ 490

4. SURCHARGE

The surcharge required by 37 CFR 1.20(i)(2) of \$ 1640 (Fee Code 1558) must be paid as a condition of accepting unintentionally delayed payment of a maintenance fee.

SURCHARGE FEE BEING SUBMITTED \$ 1640

5. MANNER OF PAYMENT

☒ Enclosed is a check for the sum of \$ 2,130

☐ Please charge Deposit Account No. 50-2115 the sum of \$ _____

☐ Payment by credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached.

6. AUTHORIZATION TO CHARGE ANY FEE DEFICIENCY

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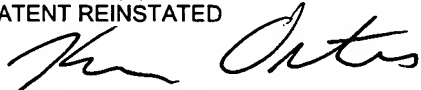
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8. STATEMENT

The delay in payment of the maintenance fee to this patent was unintentional.

9. PETITIONER(S) REQUEST THAT THE DELAYED PAYMENT OF THE MAINTENANCE FEE BE ACCEPTED AND THE PATENT REINSTATED



Signature(s) of Petitioner(s)

November 20, 2009

Date

Karen Dana Oster

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37 CFR 1.378(d) states: "Any petition under this section must be signed by an attorney or agent registered to practice before the Patent and Trademark Office, or by the patentee, the assignee, or other party in interest."

ENCLOSURES



Maintenance Fee Payment



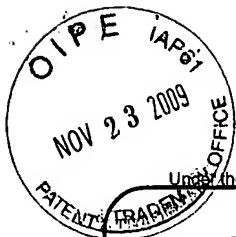
Surcharge under 37 CFR 1.20(i)(2) (fee for filing the maintenance fee petition)



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TRANSMITTAL FORM

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10654312

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September 3, 2003

First Named Inventor

John H. Davis

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SWIATEK, Robert P.

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ENCLOSURES (Check all that apply)



Fee Transmittal Form



Check for 3.5 year maintenance
fee and surcharge



Amendment/Reply



After Final



Affidavits/declaration(s)



Extension of Time Request



Express Abandonment Request



Information Disclosure Statement



Certified Copy of Priority
Document(s)



Reply to Missing Parts/
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Reply to Missing Parts
under 37 CFR 1.52 or 1.53



Drawing(s)



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Proprietary Information



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Remarks

Power of Attorney by Assignee and 373(b); Petition to Accept
Unintentionally Delayed Payment of Maintenance Fee in an
Expired Patent; Fee Address Indication Form; return receipt
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SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT

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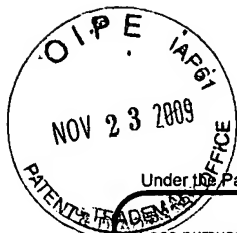
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FEE TRANSMITTAL

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☒ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT (\$) 2,130

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FEE CALCULATION

1. BASIC FILING, SEARCH, AND EXAMINATION FEES

Application Type	FILING FEES		SEARCH FEES		EXAMINATION FEES		Fees Paid (\$)
	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	
Utility	330	165	540	270	220	110	
Design	220	110	100	50	140	70	
Plant	220	110	330	165	170	85	
Reissue	330	165	540	270	650	325	
Provisional	220	110	0	0	0	0	

2. EXCESS CLAIM FEES

Fee Description	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)
Each claim over 20 (including Reissues)	52	26
Each independent claim over 3 (including Reissues)	220	110
Multiple dependent claims	390	195

Total Claims	Extra Claims	Fee (\$)	Fee Paid (\$)	Multiple Dependent Claims	Fee (\$)	Fee Paid (\$)
- 20 or HP = 0	x	\$26	= \$0			

HP = highest number of total claims paid for, if greater than 20.

Indep. Claims	Extra Claims	Fee (\$)	Fee Paid (\$)
- 3 or HP = 0	x	\$110	= \$0

HP = highest number of independent claims paid for, if greater than 3.

3. APPLICATION SIZE FEE

If the specification and drawings exceed 100 sheets of paper (excluding electronically filed sequence or computer listings under 37 CFR 1.52(e)), the application size fee due is \$270 (\$135 for small entity) for each additional 50 sheets or fraction thereof. See 35 U.S.C. 41(a)(1)(G) and 37 CFR 1.16(s).

Total Sheets	Extra Sheets	Number of each additional 50 or fraction thereof	Fee (\$)	Fee Paid (\$)
- 100 =	/ 50 =	(round up to a whole number) x	\$125	= \$0

4. OTHER FEE(S)

	Fees Paid (\$)
Maintenance Fee for 3.5 year	\$490
Surcharge after expiration - Late payment is unintentional	\$1,640

SUBMITTED BY

Signature		Registration No. 37,621	Telephone (503) 810-2560
Name (Print/Type)	Karen Dana Oster	(Attorney/Agent)	Date November 20, 2009

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PATENT APPLICATION EXAMINING OPERATIONS

Applicant(s): Davis

Serial No.: 10/654,312

Patent No: 6,883,270

Filed: September 3, 2003

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Title: Christmas Tree Stand

Docket No: Stauch-270

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POWER OF ATTORNEY BY ASSIGNEE AND 373(b)

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Mr. Johnny Wayne Strauch, a resident of the State of Oregon, is the assignee of the entire right, title, and interest in and to the above-identified patent application by an assignment document filed herewith.

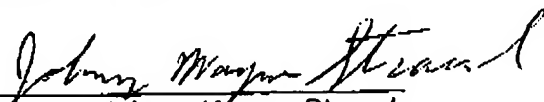
The assignee hereby revokes all previous powers of attorney given in the above-identified application. The assignee hereby appoints the practitioners at Customer Number 26790 (including Karen Dana Oster (Reg. No. 37,621)) as its attorneys with full power of substitution and revocation, to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith; said appointment to be to the exclusion of the inventor(s) and any attorney representing the inventor(s) in accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §3.71.

Please direct all correspondence connected with this application to correspondence address associated with Customer Number 26790.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §3.73(b), an assignment document from the inventor to Assignee was recorded in the United States Patent Office at Reel 021965, Frame 0491.

The undersigned, whose title is supplied below, is authorized to sign this Power of Attorney on behalf of the Assignee.

Assignee: Mr. Johnny Wayne Strauch


By: Mr. Johnny Wayne Strauch

Date: November 20, 2009

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